

Table 155.—States using minimum-competency testing, by grade levels assessed, and expected uses of standards: 1998–99

State	Grade levels assessed	Expected uses									
		Student diagnosis or placement ¹	Improvement of instruction ¹	Program evaluation ¹	Student diagnosis or placement ²	Student promotion ²	High school graduation ²	Student awards or recognition ³	Public school performance reporting ³	Accreditation ³	Other
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Alabama	3–12	X	X	X			X		X		
Alaska	4,5,7,8,10,11	X	X						X		
Arizona	3–12		X	X					X		
Arkansas	4,5,7,8,10	X	X	X							
California	2–12 ⁴		X	X	X	X		X	X		(⁵) (⁶)
Colorado	3–5,7		X	X							
Connecticut	4,6,8,10	X	X	X	X			X	X		
Delaware	3,5,8,10	X	X								
Florida	4,5,8,10,11		X	X			X	X	X		
Georgia	K,3,5,8,11	X	X	X		X	X		X		(⁵)
Hawaii	3,5,7,9–12	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	(⁵) (⁶)
Idaho	3–11		X	X							
Illinois	3,5,8,10 ⁷		X	X		X			X		
Indiana	3,6,8,10	X	X	X			X	X		X	
Iowa	4,8,11								X		
Kansas	3–5,7,8,10	X	X	X					X	X	
Kentucky	3–12		X	X				X	X		
Louisiana	3–11	X				X	X				
Maine	4,8,11 ⁷		X	X							
Maryland	3,5,8	X	X	X			X	X	X		
Massachusetts	4,8,10										
Michigan	4,5,7,8,11	X	X	X					X	X	
Minnesota	3,5,8,10	X	X	X			X				
Mississippi	4–9,11,12	X	X	X			X				
Missouri	3,4,7,8,10,11 ^{4,7}	X	X		X			X	X	X	
Montana	4,8,11		X	X							
Nebraska ⁸											
Nevada	4,8,10–12	X	X	X			X	X	X		
New Hampshire	3,6,10		X	X					X		
New Jersey	8,11	X	X	X			X		X	X	(⁵) (⁹)
New Mexico	1,2,4,6,8,10	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	
New York	4–6,8–12	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		(⁵) (⁶)
North Carolina	3–12	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
North Dakota	4,6,8,10	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		(⁶)
Ohio	4,6,8–12		X	X	X		X	X	X		(⁶)
Oklahoma	3,5,7,8,11	X	X	X		X			X		
Oregon	3,5,8,10		X	X	X				X		
Pennsylvania	5,6,8,9,11							X			
Rhode Island	3–5,7–10		X	X					X		
South Carolina	1,3–12 ⁷	X	X	X			X		X		(⁶)
South Dakota	2,4,5,8,9,11	X	X	X							
Tennessee	3–12	X	X	X			X	X	X		(⁵)
Texas	3–8,10–12	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	
Utah	1–6,8,11 ⁴	X	X	X	X				X		
Vermont	2,4,6,8,10		X	X					X		
Virginia	3–12	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		
Washington	2,4,7,8,10,11 ⁴	X	X	X					X		
West Virginia	3–11	X	X	X					X	X	(⁵) (⁹)
Wisconsin	3,4,8,10	X		X					X		
Wyoming	4,8–12 ⁷		X	X					X		
Outlying areas											
American Samoa	3,5,7,8,10–12		X	X							
Puerto Rico	3,6,9,11	X	X	X				X			(⁹)
Virgin Islands	3,5,6,8,11	X	X		X			X			

¹ Testing program is for instructional purposes.² Testing program is for the purpose of student accountability.³ Testing program is for school accountability.⁴ Inclusion is voluntary for students, schools or school districts for one or more grades.⁵ Endorsed diploma.⁶ Honors diploma.⁷ A sample of students is tested for one or more grades.⁸ This state did not administer any statewide assessments for the 1998–99 school year.⁹ High school skills guarantee.

SOURCE: Council of Chief State School Officers, "Annual Survey of State Student Assessment Programs, Spring 2001." (This table was prepared August 2001.)